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John O. Ryan
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 7, 2001, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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